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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Representative,  
CIA Committee for Language Development

SUBJECT: CIA Language Development Program

REFERENCE: Draft [REDACTED], dated 29 September 1967  
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1. This draft of the proposed regulation is much improved over its predecessor dated 29 May 1967. A lot of unsuitable discussion has been eliminated, aided by the junking of the language incentives idea, and the draft is better organized.
2. However, glaring faults still remain. As I commented on the first draft, the regulation seems to be written entirely from the viewpoint of the DIP. Language is treated as an essential skill for overseas assignment. No distinction is made between speaking competence and reading competence -- the latter of which is what matters in most Headquarters positions that require language skills. Under paragraph 3.d., DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES, I fail to understand why the Director of Medical Services would be responsible for insuring that all professional EOD and other employees receive the Agency's language aptitude test. This seems to me to be an unnatural extension of the responsibility of the medics.
3. With the above complaints aside, I foresee no problem for O&GI living within the terms of the regulation. I must note again that the regulation is not very relevant to the DDI situation.

(Signed)

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